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Name of Traveler: Emily Benavides

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Portman (R-OH)

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): The Aspen Institute (Socrates Program)

Travel Date(s): April 20-22, 2018

Description/Title of Attached Forms: Required copy of trip invitation.

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): Omission of required copy of trip invitation

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(Date)

Emily Benavides
(Signature of Traveler)



March 16, 2018

Cordell Carter, II

Executive Director

Socrates Program

Ms. Emily Benavides
Office of Senator Rob Portman
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Benavides:

I would like to invite you to participate in a seminar program as a part of the Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar Series. This seminar, "Leadership and the Role of Congress," is designed for the educational benefit of a bipartisan, bicameral group of congressional staff focusing on the foundations of Congress and its role in the nation's governance. The seminar will be held at the Aspen Institute Wye Campus located in Queenstown, Maryland from April 20-22, 2018.

We have assembled two outstanding moderators to lead the seminar: Ron Christie, former policy advisor to Vice President Cheney and Special Assistant to President George W. Bush, and Basil Smikle, a Senior Advisor and former Executive Director of the New York State Democratic Party. Seminar discussions are text-based, all reflecting on the role of governance, leadership, and "the good society."

This seminar is designed for congressional staffers, by invitation only. In a diverse country like the U.S., it is imperative that future governance leaders are being nurtured, trained and mentored to fill and succeed in senior congressional staff roles. The Emerging Governance Leaders series convenes an inclusive cohort of congressional staffers to engage in values-based discussion for personal and professional leadership development. We will provide you with the required forms and documentation for filing with the House/Senate Ethics Committee. Our purpose is education, not advocacy.

Participants should plan to depart from Capitol Hill at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20th and the program will end at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, April 22nd. The Socrates Program will provide a shuttle from Capitol Hill to Wye on Friday, and returning on Sunday. Should you accept the invitation, it is required that you participate through the duration of the seminar. Your lodging and meals will be paid by the Aspen Institute Socrates Program. Under the ethics rules, no expenses are covered for entertainment or recreation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Socrates Program Deputy Director Luis Renta at 202-736-3550. I hope you will be able to join us for this exciting seminar.

Sincerely,

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